

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending. Claims 1-11 have been allowed and claims 12, 13, 16, 23, 24, 28, and 35 have been amended. In addition, the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added, see, e.g., the last line in this paragraph.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

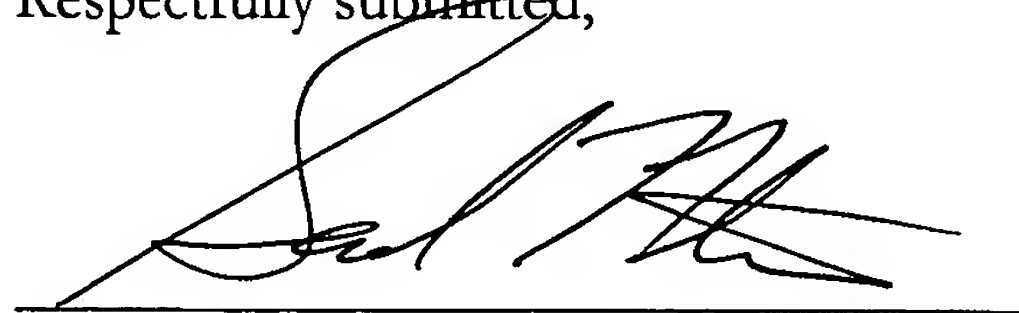
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 13-22, 24, 26, and 28-39 would be considered allowable if re-written into independent form to recite the features of their base and intervening claims. Along these lines, claim 12 has been amended to recite features from allowable claim 13. Claims 16, 28, and 35 have been re-written into independent form. Claim 23 has been amended to recite features from allowable claim 24.

Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are sufficient to place claims 12-39 into condition for allowance, along with claims 1-11. It is further submitted that the rejection under 35 USC § 102 has been rendered moot by these amendments.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 16-0607 and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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